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NEW EQUIPMENT FOR FISH INDUSTRY

OKHOTSK FISH PLANTS INCREASE MECHANIZATION -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 27,
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P. Orchinnikov, engineer at the Okhotsk State Fish Trust, reports that 12 fish plants on the Okhotsk coast have already adopted mechanized methods of transporting fish by hydraulic conveyers to salt tanks, and have thereby accelerated the process of salting herring by almost 30 times. The new method will be used in 23 Okhotsk fish plants during 1949. The plants have also started unloading fish simultaneously from two sides of the boat, an operation which should increase the productivity of the fish pumps 100 percent. Three fish-pumping installations will be put into operation at every chief herring plant by the beginning of the new season. The number of hydraulic conveyers and elevators will be increased at those plants which are not equipped with fish pumps.

The "Glavamurrybprom" (Main Administration of the Amur Fish Industry) failed to give sufficient aid to the Okhotsk enterprises. A large quantity of incomplete equipment was received from the Administration last autumn and could not be assembled for lack of parts and instruments. As a result last season only 12 of the 21 fish pumps could be operated. The Okhotsk enterprises are also in need of additional machine tools, the lack of which in many plants has delayed repair jobs. The secondary operations in processing fish, unloading steamships, producing packing materials have not been sufficiently mechanized.

NEW BOATS BUILT FOR AMUR FISH INDUSTRY -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 7,
9 Jan 49

Enterprises of "Glavamurbybprom" (Main Administration of the Amur Fish Industry) are building a greater number of fishing boats than were built in 1947. The facilities of the fish enterprises have been expanded considerably in the last 6 months. New ship-repair yards have been put into operation in Nikolayevsk-on-Amur and many enterprises have received machine-tool equipment. The power capacity of the enterprises has increased, with new electric power plants put into operation at the Innokentyevsk Shipyard

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and the Nizhneye Frong Fish Combine. The Okhotsk and Inskaya Motor Fish-catching Stations are building 60 ocean-going and river boats (kungaas). Approximately 40 fishing boats will be built in the Innokent'yevsk and Ayan shipyards.

WHITE SEA FISHING INDUSTRY -- Leninskoye Znamya, No 2, 4 Jan 49

There are now 79 fishing kolkhozes in the White Sea area. These kolkhozes have recently invested 3 million rubles in construction, and a hydroelectric power station has been built in the coastal village of Nyukhcha, Belomorskiy Rayon. The fishermen of "12 Godovshchina Oktabrya" Kolkhoz, Kemskiy Rayon, are also building a hydroelectric power station.

The leading detachment of White Sea fishermen, participants in the expedition to the Barents Sea, fulfilled its plan 102 percent. The catch was 6,000 centners greater than in 1947.

The Ministry of the Fish Industry, Western Regions USSR, awarded a pennant and monetary prize to the "12 Godovshchina Oktabrya" Kolkhoz, for its summer's catch of 586 centners of fish by only three fishermen.

The "Belomor" Kolkhoz, Belomorskiy Rayon, fulfilled its plan with a catch of 12,393 centners of fish and made a profit above the plan of 278,000 rubles.

Kolkhozes of Kondopozhskiy and Zaonezhskiy Rayons fulfilled their 1948 plans.

Seine fishing is now being employed by the fishermen of the "Put'k Sotsializmy" Kolkhoz, Zaonezhskiy Rayon, and the "Priboy" Kolkhoz, Pudozhskiy Rayon.

The catch of fishing kolkhozes operating on Lake Onega averaged 36 centners per man for 11 months.

Kolkhozes of Izhmakiy and Segozhskiy Rayons, operating only during the summer and fall, fulfilled their plan only 37.8 percent. The regional organizations of these rayons are giving little attention to the fishing kolkhozes. The White Sea kolkhozes received 11 small trawlers but only one has been outfitted this year.

NORTH CASPIAN SEA UNDER-ICE FISHING STARTED -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 4, 7 Jan 49

Under-ice fishing has begun in many of the delta canals of the Ural River and the northern part of the Caspian Sea. The first thousands of centners of pike perch, bream, and "zhurekh" [a carp-like fish], have been caught. Large-scale fishing for white fish has begun.

The North Caspian Redfish Combine has begun mass production of high-grade "balyk," a cured-fish product.

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